

**What is claimed is:**

1. A cookware lid comprising:
  - an outer peripheral frame defining a central opening,
  - a central member discrete from the frame and disposed in the central opening, and
  - support structure connected to each of the frame and the central member for cooperation therewith to seal the central opening.
2. The lid of claim 1, wherein the outer peripheral frame is circular in shape.
3. The lid of claim 1, wherein the central member is formed of a light-transmitting material.
4. The lid of claim 3, wherein the central member is formed of transparent glass.
5. The lid of claim 1, wherein the support structure is annular in shape.
6. The lid of claim 5, wherein the support structure is channel-shaped in transverse cross section.
7. The lid of claim 1, wherein the support structure includes a support portion of the frame and a gasket sealing a peripheral edge of the central member.
8. A cookware lid comprising:
  - a main body,
  - a flange depending from the main body,
  - the flange having a plurality of vertically elongated apertures therethrough grouped adjacent to a predetermined location on the main body, and
  - indicia on the main body at the predetermined location to indicate the location of the apertures.
9. The lid of claim 8, wherein the plurality of apertures includes a horizontal row of apertures.

10. The lid of claim 8, wherein the flange extends around the entire periphery of the main body.

11. The lid of claim 8, wherein the plurality of apertures is a first plurality, the flange further including a second plurality of elongated apertures therethrough disposed at an opposite side of the main body from the first plurality of apertures.

12. The lid of claim 8, wherein each of the apertures is oval in shape.

13. A cookware lid comprising:

a main body having a peripheral rim, and

pads formed of thermally insulating material disposed on the main body adjacent to the peripheral rim.

14. The lid of claim 13, wherein the pads are disposed at an upper surface of the main body.

15. The lid of claim 14, wherein the main body defines recesses in which the pads are respectively disposed.

16. The lid of claim 13, wherein the main body is circular in shape, the pads being disposed respectively at diametrically opposed locations on the main body.

17. The lid of claim 13, wherein each of the pads is substantially thicker than the rest of the main body.

18. Cookware comprising:

an open-top vessel having an upstanding peripheral wall terminating at an upper edge, and

a pour spout formed on the peripheral wall at the upper edge; and

a lid having a main body,

a flange depending from the main body,  
    the flange having a plurality of vertically elongated apertures therethrough  
    grouped adjacent to a predetermined location on the main body, and  
    indicia on the main body at the predetermined location for indicating the location  
    of the apertures,

    the lid being disposable on the upper edge of the vessel in a covering condition  
    for closing the open top at the vessel with the flange disposed within the upper edge of the  
    peripheral wall,

    the lid while in the covering condition being disposable in a first orientation with  
    the apertures out of alignment with the pour spout and in a second orientation with the apertures  
    aligned with the pour spout.

19. The cookware of claim 18, wherein the vessel includes handles respectively  
extending laterally outwardly from the peripheral wall at opposite sides of the vessel.

20. The cookware of claim 19, wherein the pour spout is a first spout, the vessel  
further including a second pour spout disposed at a diametrically opposed location from the first  
pour spout, the spouts being disposed along a diameter which extends substantially perpendicular  
to a diameter along which the handles are disposed.

21. The cookware of claim 20, wherein the lid includes pads formed of thermally  
insulating material disposed on the main body at diametrically opposed locations, the  
predetermined location of the indicia being angularly spaced approximately 90° from each of the  
pads.

22. The cookware of claim 18, wherein the main body of the lid includes an outer  
peripheral frame defining a central opening, a central member discrete from the frame and

disposed in the central opening, and support structure coupled to each of the frame and the central member for cooperation therewith to seal the central opening.

23. The cookware of claim 22, wherein the central member of the lid is formed of glass.

24. The cookware of claim 22, wherein the support structure is annular in shape and substantially channel-shaped in transverse cross section.